# MINUTES OF THE EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2005

(Approved March 7, 2005)

An executive session was held before the workshop meeting to discuss a litigation matter concerning the Parkerford Church of the Brethren zoning hearing. No action was taken.

The Board of Supervisors held their Workshop Meeting on Monday, February 21, 2005. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, W. Atlee Rinehart, Jay Doering, and Timothy Roland. Also, in attendance were John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty of ARRO Consulting, Inc. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

#### 1. MINUTES

# Minutes of the February 7, 2005 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2005 monthly meeting as amended. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Amendments being under subheading, <u>Public Comments</u>, in the last paragraph the motion shall read, "Mr. Doering moved to make the township meeting room available to all political parties to interview candidates for local office and the meeting room rental fee will be waived, under subheading, <u>Minutes of January 26, 2005</u>, correct the spelling of Mr. Rinehart's name, in the second paragraph from the top of the page note that Mr. Roland's appointment became effective February 1, 2005, under subheading, <u>Additional Items Brought to the Board</u>, in the last paragraph add verbiage referencing bid bond issues.

Mr. Preston requested the electrical contractor bid bond issue be referred to the Township Solicitor for evaluation in implementing the bond.

Mr. Doering moved that the township website will only be used for township business and not in particular, for any political purposes. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# Minutes of the February 14, 2005 Special Meeting

Mr. Doering moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2005 special meeting as presented. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. REPORTS

# Reports from Various Departments and Committees

The reports from various departments and committees were reviewed.

Mr. Doering moved to accept EDM Consultants, Inc. report dated January 19, 2005. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doering moved to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to begin proceedings against Pizza World property maintenance violations as requested in the Engineer's Report. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# Fund Balances Report

Fund	Checking	Money Market	CDs	Total
General	\$9,495.68	\$130,213.90		\$139,709.58
Capital Reserve		\$1,002.69		\$1,002.69
Highway Aid	\$7,347.14	\$12,998.68		\$20,345.82
Sanitary Sewer	\$453.63	\$431.69		\$885.32
Phase I Sewer				
Escrow		\$75.51		\$75.51
Police Safety	\$1,920.10			\$1,920.10
TOTAL				\$163,939.02

Contexant Water Users Fund

\$400.40

#### Exonerations and Exemptions

Mr. LaLonde recited the exonerations and exemptions presented by Mrs. Constance Megay, Tax Collector. Mr. Preston asked if anyone had reason to believe the recited names were not factual. Mr. Rinehart moved to accept the exemptions and exonerations as read. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Roger Kolb stated the Ridge Fire Company has concerns regarding the cul-de-sac name for the DiGiuseppe Subdivision (James Road) and had submitted a request to the Planning Commission to have the name changed to a Court, Lane, etc. for emergency purposes. The Planning Commission recommended the road name remain as James Road at their February 3, 2005 workshop meeting. The Board of Supervisors will discuss at the March 7, 2005 monthly meeting.

Mrs. Jane Frederick noted issues of the location of the poles being moved on Old Schuylkill Road as it pertains to land located at the intersection of Ellis Woods and Old Schuylkill Roads. Mrs. Frederick read a letter depicting responses she received from PECO and the Township Manager. Mr. Preston moved to attach such letter to the minutes for the record. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Rinehart abstained due to his partial ownership of subject property. The Board of Supervisors requested a letter be sent to PECO, copying the CEO, requesting better communication with the township regarding such projects.

Mr. Chris Madden of 464 Harley Road noted concerns of stormwater issues. The Township Manager stated an enforcement letter was sent to the Custer's. Mr. Doering moved to authorize the Township Engineer to evaluate the drainage condition at the Harley Road location. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Shelton of Buckwalter Road has concerns of Woodcrest Estates' detention pond behind her house and the fact that the pond will feed into the wetlands that will cause more water on her property. The Board of Supervisors asked the Township Engineer to advise them of the size of the pipe at Woodcrest Estates. Mr. Shelton made note of stakes on her property and it was requested the surveyors contact Mrs. Shelton.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

# **Township Building Expansion**

Mr. Doering moved to approve Payment Application No. 3 to Fayette Group in the amount of \$12,577 for the township building expansion. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### Sewer Ordinance

There was a brief discussion regarding the sewer use ordinance and the sewer rental fees. The Township Engineer is to contact the Sewer Consortium regarding the sewer rental fees. The details of this issue will be discussed by the Board of Supervisors at a later date in executive session.

## Parkerford Traffic Improvement

Mr. Doering moved to award both traffic improvement studies to McMahon Associates, Inc. in accordance with proposals dated January 28, 2005. Parkerford Village Area (Wells Road) Traffic Study for \$8,400 and Option 1 of the Updated Act 209 Study for \$29,850. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Act 209 Committee needs to be implemented.

# 6. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve payment of bills. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Roland abstained due to outstanding questions regarding the bills.

#### 7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Preston recommended public comment to be solicited for road improvement designs.

Mr. Rinehart suggested the sign ordinance be amended increasing the time allowance on political signs. The public was polled on the political sign issue. The Board of Supervisors suggested this change not be made.

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve a \$100,000 draw on the \$1M loan. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rinehart moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Leinbach Township Secretary